



County of Ventura COUNTY CLERK AND RECORDER

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County Clerk and Recorder

To: Candidates, Measure Agencies, Members of the Grand Jury,
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From: Philip J. Schmit, County Clerk and Recorder

Date: October 15, 2008

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You are hereby invited to observe Election Day activities and to be present in our office on election night to observe the tally of the official ballots and the release of returns for the November 4, 2008, Presidential General Election.

The following is a rough schedule of events for Election Day:

E-40 thru E-4 The required logic and accuracy tests will be conducted with test ballots and vote simulations to ensure that the ballot counting programs are functioning properly before any voting machines are issued to precincts.

Election Day, November 4, 2008

7:00 a.m. - Polling places throughout the County open for voting.

8:00 p.m. - The 365 precinct polling places will close and precinct boards will commence processing voted ballots, packing supplies, locking up the polling places, and delivering the voted ballots, equipment, memory packs and results cartridges to the pickup points. This should take about one hour, depending upon the number of voters who voted.

8:05 p.m. - The Vote by Mail voter ballots and the 237 mail ballot precincts will be counted and the first semi-official count of the results will be released via the website and at the Central Counting place.
<http://recorder.countyofventura.org/elecounthtm>

8:30 p.m. - Voted ballots, memory packs and results cartridges from the 56 precincts in the greater Ventura area should start arriving at the Central Counting place. These ballots will be secured, the packs and cartridges from each precinct are then read and a semi-official summary report will be released.

10:00 p.m.- Voted ballots, equipment, memory packs and results cartridges from the 309 precincts in the outlying areas of the County should start arriving at the Central Counting place. Summary reports will be released approximately every 30 minutes. Upon completion, a final semi-official (election night) summary report will be released.

8:00 a.m. Nov. 5 A semi-official Statement of Votes will be available for review.

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Elections

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"REGISTER TO VOTE – THEN VOTE"

The memory packs from the Optech Insights and the results cartridges from the AVC Edge will be read in the Elections Division (Lower Plaza of the Hall of Administration) at the Government Center. The only off-limit areas in the Elections Division are the computer room, the absentee ballot processing area and the warehouse area inside the fence. In addition, we ask that caution be used in the hallway area leading through the warehouse to the loading dock. In the past, observers and visitors have congregated there and inadvertently impeded or blocked workers from processing precinct equipment. If you should have any questions at any location contact the individual in charge, who will be one of our permanent staff members or an individual who has been deputized to perform the duties required.

Voted ballots, equipment, memory packs and results cartridges from precincts are delivered by two of the precinct election officers. In the outlying areas of the County, the election officers take their voted ballots, etc. to area receiving stations (county or city fire stations) where they are picked up by Deputy Sheriffs and/or Deputy County Clerks and brought to the Elections Division.

When the voted ballots, equipment, memory packs and results cartridges arrive, the condition of the materials is noted, the precinct is scanned or checked off, and the container of memory packs and results cartridges is extracted, and given to the Memory Package/Results Cartridge Check-in Board for scanning, opening and preliminary processing. After this step, the packs and cards are delivered to the Computer Room for results upload to the results tally program (WINEDS).

Periodically during the evening, summary reports are printed which include all previously counted results as of the time the reports are printed. Summary reports are printed approximately every 30 minutes and copies are given to the news media and the public. Summary Reports to the Secretary of State are periodically key-entered into a state vote reporting program for state offices.

Election results will also be posted on the internet and updated periodically from 8:00 p.m. to completion of election night. Website address is <http://recorder.countyofventura.org/elecount.htm>

To give you a perspective of this election, the following contests and measures are contained in different ballot types (styles) throughout the county:

PARTISAN OFFICES

President and Vice President

CONGRESSIONAL OFFICES

23rd Congressional District
24th Congressional District

elect 1 – 2 candidates
elect 1 – 2 candidates

LEGISLATIVE OFFICES

17 th Senatorial District	elect 1 – 2 candidates
19 th Senatorial District	elect 1 – 2 candidates
23 rd Senatorial District	elect 1 – 3 candidates
35 th Assembly District	elect 1 – 2 candidates
37 th Assembly District	elect 1 – 2 candidates
38 th Assembly District	elect 1 – 2 candidates
41 st Assembly District	elect 1 – 2 candidates

NON-PARTISAN OFFICES

COUNTY OFFICE

Supervisor, 5 th Supervisorial	elect 1 – 2 candidates
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SCHOOL DISTRICT OFFICES

Ventura County Board of Education	
Trustee Area #3	elect 1 – 2 candidates
Trustee Area #5	elect 1 – 2 candidates
Conejo Valley Unified	elect 2 – 8 candidates
Cuyama Joint Unified	elect 3 – 5 candidates
Camarillo Unified	elect 5 – 6 candidates
El Tejon Unified	elect 3 – 9 candidates
Fillmore Unified	elect 2 – 4 candidates
Moorpark Unified	elect 3 – 6 candidates
Oak Park Unified	elect 2 – 4 candidates
Simi Valley Unified	elect 3 – 6 candidates
Santa Paula Union	elect 2 – 5 candidates

Hueneme School	elect 2 – 3 candidates
Oxnard School	elect 2 – 3 candidates
Pleasant Valley School	elect 2 – 4 candidates
Santa Paula School	elect 2 – 5 candidates

MUNICIPAL OFFICES

Camarillo City Council Member	elect 2 – 3 candidates
Fillmore City Council Member	elect 3 – 8 candidates
Fillmore City Clerk	elect 1 – 2 candidates
Fillmore City Treasurer	elect 1 – 3 candidates
Moorpark City Mayor	elect 1 – 1 candidate
Moorpark City Council Member	elect 2 – 4 candidates
Ojai City Council Member	elect 2 – 5 candidates
Ojai City Clerk	elect 1 – 1 candidate
Ojai City Treasurer	elect 1 – 1 candidate
Oxnard City Mayor	elect 1 – 3 candidates
Oxnard City Council Member	elect 2 – 9 candidates
Oxnard City Clerk	elect 1 – 1 candidate
Oxnard City Treasurer	elect 1 – 2 candidates
Port Hueneme City Council Member	elect 2 – 6 candidates
Santa Paula City Council Member	elect 2 – 3 candidates
Santa Paula City Clerk	elect 1 – 1 candidate
Santa Paula City Treasurer	elect 1 – 1 candidate

Simi Valley Mayor	elect 1 – 3 candidates
Simi Valley City Council Member	elect 2 – 6 candidates
Thousand Oaks City Council Member	elect 2 – 7 candidates

SPECIAL DISTRICT OFFICES

Bell Canyon Community Services District	elect 3 – 5 candidates
Channel Islands Beach Community Services District	elect 2 – 4 candidates
Oxnard Harbor District	elect 2 – 5 candidates
Oak Park Municipal Advisory Council	elect 2 – 4 candidates
Ojai Valley Municipal Advisory Council Division #7	elect 1 – 2 candidates
Ojai Valley Sanitary District Division #1	elect 1 – 2 candidates
Division #3	elect 1 – 3 candidates
Triunfo Sanitation District	elect 1 – 2 candidates
Castaic Lake Water Agency, At Large	elect 1 – 3 candidates
Castaic Lake Water Agency Division #3, Short Term	elect 1 – 2 candidates
Meiners Oaks Water District	elect 2 – 3 candidates
Calleguas Municipal Water District Division #2	elect 1 – 3 candidates
Casitas Municipal Water Division #2	elect 1 – 2 candidates
Division #3	elect 1 – 2 candidates

WRITE-IN CANDIDATES

Should a candidate qualify as a write-in candidate for an office on the November 4, 2008, Presidential General Election ballot, a list of all qualified write-in candidate names will be available at each polling place to assist the voters.

STATE PROPOSITIONS

PROPOSITION 1A – SAFE, RELIABLE HIGH-SPEED PASSENGER TRAIN BOND ACT.

LEGISLATIVE INITIATIVE AMENDMENT. To provide Californians a safe, convenient, affordable, and reliable alternative to driving and high gas prices; to provide good-paying jobs and improve California's economy while reducing air pollution, global warming greenhouse gases, and our dependence on foreign oil, shall \$9.95 billion in bonds be issued to establish a clean, efficient high-speed train service linking Southern California, the Sacramento/San Joaquin Valley, and the San Francisco Bay Area, with at least 90 percent of bond funds spent for specific projects, with private and public matching funds required, including, but not limited to, federal funds, funds from revenue bonds, and local funds, and all bond funds subject to independent audits? Fiscal Impact: State costs of \$19.4 billion, assuming 30 years to pay both principal and interest costs of the bonds. Payments would average about \$647 million per year. When constructed, unknown operation and maintenance costs, probably over \$1 billion annually; at least partially, and potentially fully, offset by passenger fares.

PROPOSITION 2 – STANDARDS FOR CONFINING FARM ANIMALS. INITIATIVE

STATUTE. Requires that certain farm animals be allowed, for the majority of every day, to fully extend their limbs or wings, lie down, stand up and turn around. Limited exceptions apply. Fiscal Impact: Potential unknown decrease in state and local tax revenues from farm businesses, possibly in the range of several million dollars annually. Potential minor local and state enforcement and prosecution costs, partly offset by increased fine revenue.

PROPOSITION 3 – CHILDREN'S HOSPITAL BOND ACT. GRANT PROGRAM.

INITIATIVE STATUTE. Authorizes \$980,000,000 in general obligation bonds for construction, expansion, remodeling, renovation, furnishing and equipping of eligible children's hospitals. Fiscal Impact: State cost of about \$2 billion over 30 years to pay off both the principal (\$980 million) and interest (\$933 million) costs of the bonds. Payments of about \$64 million per year.

PROPOSITION 4 – WAITING PERIOD AND PARENTAL NOTIFICATION BEFORE TERMINATION OF MINOR'S PREGNANCY. INITIATIVE CONSTITUTIONAL

AMENDMENT. Changes California Constitution, prohibiting abortion for unemancipated minor until 48 hours after physician notifies minor's parent, legal guardian, or, in limited cases, substitute adult relative. Provides an exception for medical emergency or parental waiver. Fiscal Impact: Potential unknown net state costs of several million dollars annually for health and social services programs, court administration, and state health agency administration combined.

PROPOSITION 5 – NONVIOLENT DRUG OFFENSES. SENTENCING, PAROLE AND

REHABILITATION. INITIATIVE STATUTE. Allocates \$460,000,000 annually to improve and expand treatment programs. Limits court authority to incarcerate offenders who commit certain drug crimes, break drug treatment rules or violate parole. Fiscal Impact: Increased state costs potentially exceeding \$1 billion annually primarily for expansion of offender treatment programs. State savings potentially exceeding \$1 billion annually on corrections operations. Net one-time state prison capital outlay savings potentially exceeding \$2.5 billion.

PROPOSITION 6 – POLICE AND LAW ENFORCEMENT FUNDING. CRIMINAL PENALTIES AND LAWS. INITIATIVE STATUTE. Requires minimum of \$965,000,000 of state funding each year for police and local law enforcement. Makes approximately 30 revisions to California criminal law. Fiscal Impact: Increased net state costs exceeding \$500 million annually due to increasing spending on criminal justice programs to at least \$965 million and for corrections operating costs. Potential one-time state prison capital outlay costs exceeding \$500 million.

PROPOSITION 7 – RENEWABLE ENERGY GENERATION. INITIATIVE STATUTE. Requires government-owned utilities to generate 20% of their electricity from renewable energy by 2010, a standard currently applicable to private electrical corporations. Raises requirement for all utilities to 40% by 2020 and 50% by 2025. Fiscal Impact: Increased state administrative costs up to \$3.4 million annually, paid by fees. Unknown impact on state and local government costs and revenues due to the measure's uncertain impact on retail electricity rates.

PROPOSITION 8 – ELIMINATES RIGHT OF SAME-SEX COUPLES TO MARRY. INITIATIVE CONSTITUTIONAL AMENDMENT. Changes California Constitution to eliminate the right of same-sex couples to marry. Provides that only marriage between a man and a woman is valid or recognized in California. Fiscal Impact: Over next few years, potential revenue loss, mainly sales taxes, totaling in the several tens of millions of dollars, to state and local governments. In the long run, likely little fiscal impact on state and local governments.

PROPOSITION 9 – CRIMINAL JUSTICE SYSTEM. VICTIMS' RIGHTS. PAROLE. INITIATIVE CONSTITUTIONAL AMENDMENT AND STATUTE. Requires notification to victim and opportunity for input during phases of criminal justice process, including bail, pleas, sentencing and parole. Establishes victim safety as consideration for bail or parole. Fiscal Impact: Potential loss of state savings on prison operations and increased county jail costs amounting to hundreds of millions of dollars annually. Potential net savings in the low tens of millions of dollars annually on parole procedures.

PROPOSITION 10 – ALTERNATIVE FUEL VEHICLES AND RENEWABLE ENERGY. BONDS. INITIATIVE STATUTE. Authorizes \$5 billion in bonds paid from state's General Fund, to help consumers and others purchase certain vehicles, and to fund research in renewable energy and alternative fuel vehicles. Fiscal Impact: State cost of about \$10 billion over 30 years to repay bonds. Increased state and local revenues, potentially totaling several tens of millions of dollars through 2019. Potential state administrative costs up to about \$10 million annually.

PROPOSITION 11 – REDISTRICTING. INITIATIVE CONSTITUTIONAL AMENDMENT AND STATUTE. Changes authority for establishing state office boundaries from elected representatives to commission. Establishes multilevel process to select commissioners from registered voter pool. Commission comprised of Democrats, Republicans, and representatives of neither party. Fiscal Impact: Potential increase state redistricting costs once every ten years due to two entities performing redistricting. Any increase in costs probably would not be significant.

PROPOSITION 12 – VETERANS' BOND ACT OF 2008. This act provides for a bond issue of nine hundred million dollars (\$900,000,000) to provide farm and home aid for California veterans. Fiscal Impact: Costs of about \$1.8 billion to pay off both the principal (\$900 million) and interest (\$856 million) on the bonds; costs paid by participating veterans. Average payment for principal and interest of about \$59 million per year for 30 years.

LOCAL MEASURES

Measure "H"

Shall Resolutions Nos. 08-3111: 'Approving TTR 5679, Subject To Conditions Of Approval And Mitigation Monitoring And Reporting Program', and 08-3112: 'Approving DP 06-03, Subject To Conditions Of Approval And Mitigation And Monitoring And Reporting Program' be repealed in their entirety?

Measure "I"

Shall the City of Fillmore's General Plan be amended to create a North Fillmore Specific Plan area with a density of 1-5 units per acre with a maximum of 350 dwelling units permitted for the entire 101 acres, including a 10-acre park, where existing industrial uses within the area would be allowed to continue, expand or be modified?

Measure "L"

TEMPORARY INCREASE IN APPROPRIATIONS LIMIT FOR BLANCHARD/SANTA PAULA PUBLIC LIBRARY DISTRICT. Shall the appropriations (spending) limit for the Blanchard Community Library be at \$500,000 above the Gann limit from July 1, 2010 through the date of June 30, 2014, as was previously approved by the voters at the ballot on November 2, 2004?

Measure "M"

PIRU CEMETERY MAINTENANCE AND CAPACITY EXPANSION MEASURE. To keep the Piru Cemetery open to the public, better serve the Piru community, preserve our local heritage, improve the maintenance of the cemetery grounds including gravesites and headstones, and increase cemetery capacity so there are potentially 180 more gravesites available and additional places to keep cremated remains, shall an annual special property tax be authorized with all revenue staying in our community for local cemetery services?

Measure “O”

City of Oxnard Vital Services Measure: To protect, maintain, and enhance vital services including police, fire, emergency response, increasing street paving/pothole repair to improve traffic flow, expanding youth recreation, after school and anti-gang prevention programs, acquiring property for parks/open space preservation, upgrading stormwater drains, improving senior services, increasing code compliance, and other general services – shall the sales tax be increased by one half cent for twenty years only, with citizen oversight and independent financial audits?

Measure “P”

In order to maintain small class sizes, retain highly qualified teachers and staff, continue to offer fine arts programs (such as music, dance, and drama), maintain athletic programs, avoid closure of schools and libraries, and continue to improve student proficiency in core curriculum, shall the Ojai Unified School District levy a tax of \$89 per parcel annually for seven years with annual audits, 65 years and older exemptions, and independent citizens oversight?

Bond Measure “Q”

To improve the quality of education; build new school facilities including a science and technology building, classrooms and a cafeteria; upgrade electrical systems to improve student access to computers and modern technology; modernize existing classrooms, restrooms and facilities; and make health, safety, and handicap accessibility improvements; shall the Santa Paula Union High School District issue \$39.0 million in bonds, at legal rates, with citizen oversight, guaranteed annual financial audits, and no money for administrators' salaries?

Bond Measure “R”

To support high quality education in Oak Park schools by repairing, renovating and improving aging facilities; repairing water damage and failing roofs; removing hazardous materials; making schools earthquake safe; replacing outdated fire and security systems; and improving classrooms to modern safety and instructional standards; shall Oak Park Unified School District issue \$29,445,000 in bonds at lawful interest rates, with mandatory annual audits and independent citizens' oversight of all expenditures, and no bond funds for administrators?

Bond Measure “S”

To improve the quality of education, upgrade electrical systems and computer labs to improve student access to modern technology, make health and safety improvements, repair and replace roofs; and renovate and modernize outdated classrooms and school buildings at Moorpark High including the library, science labs, and restrooms; shall Moorpark Unified School District issue \$39,500,000 of bonds at legal interest rates, with spending reviewed by an independent oversight committee and no money for teacher/ administrative salaries?

Measure "T"

Shall an ordinance of the Ventura County Board of Supervisors be adopted prohibiting any person from serving more than three consecutive four-year terms as a member of the Ventura County Board of Supervisors?

Measure "U"

Reorganization of School Districts to Form the Camarillo Unified School District. Shall the Camarillo Unified School District be formed from the territory of the Pleasant Valley School District and the Somis Union School District and a portion of the Oxnard Union High School District, with the Somis Union School District to remain a separate elementary school district?

Measure "V"

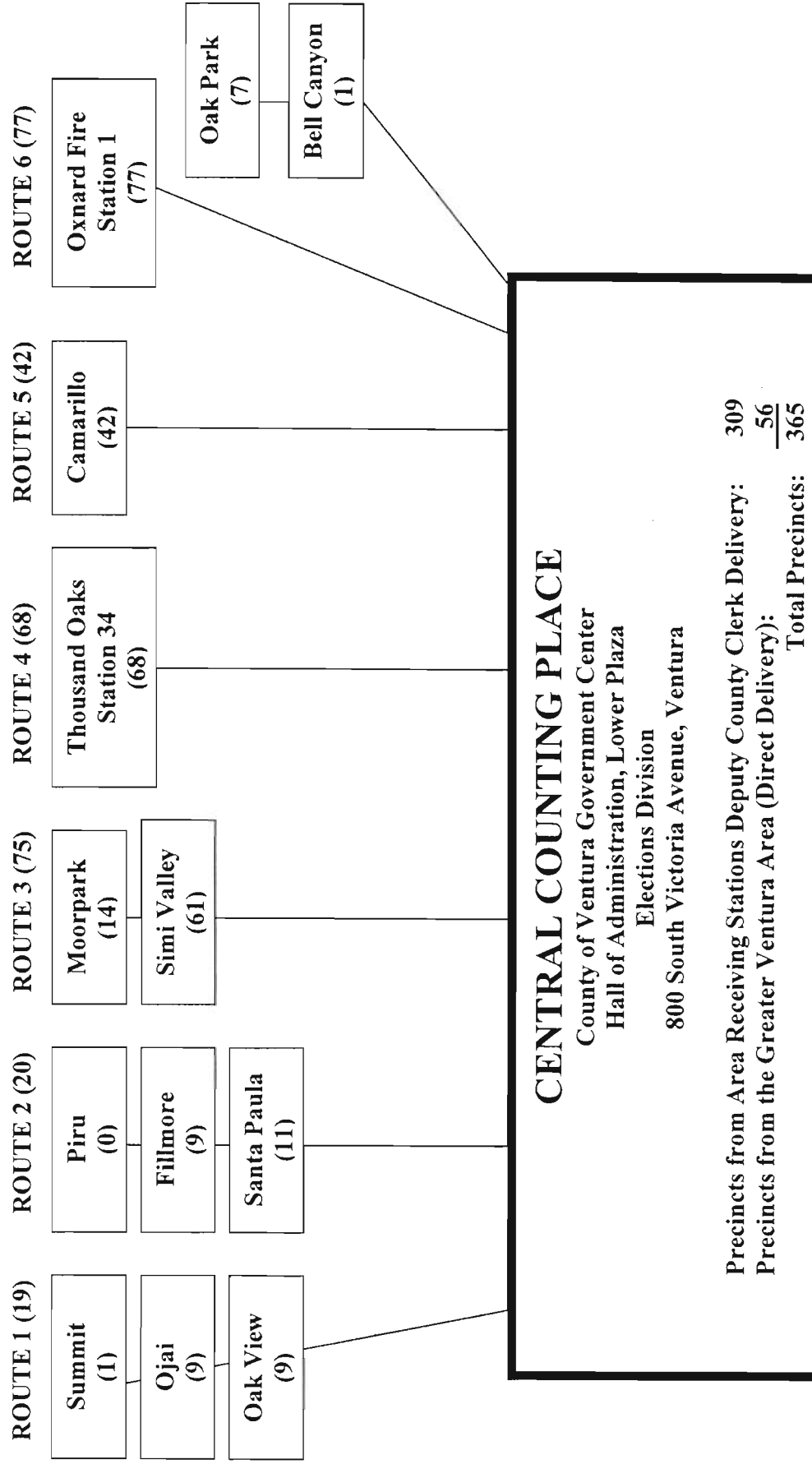
Shall portions of the Oxnard 2020 General Plan be amended to prohibit residential development of five units or larger, or commercial, retail or industrial development in excess of 10,000 square feet, unless every traffic intersection within a five mile radius of the project operates at a minimum level of service C, subject to certain exemptions, limitations and exceptions as stated in the initiative, including approval of the project by the voters?

Measure "W"

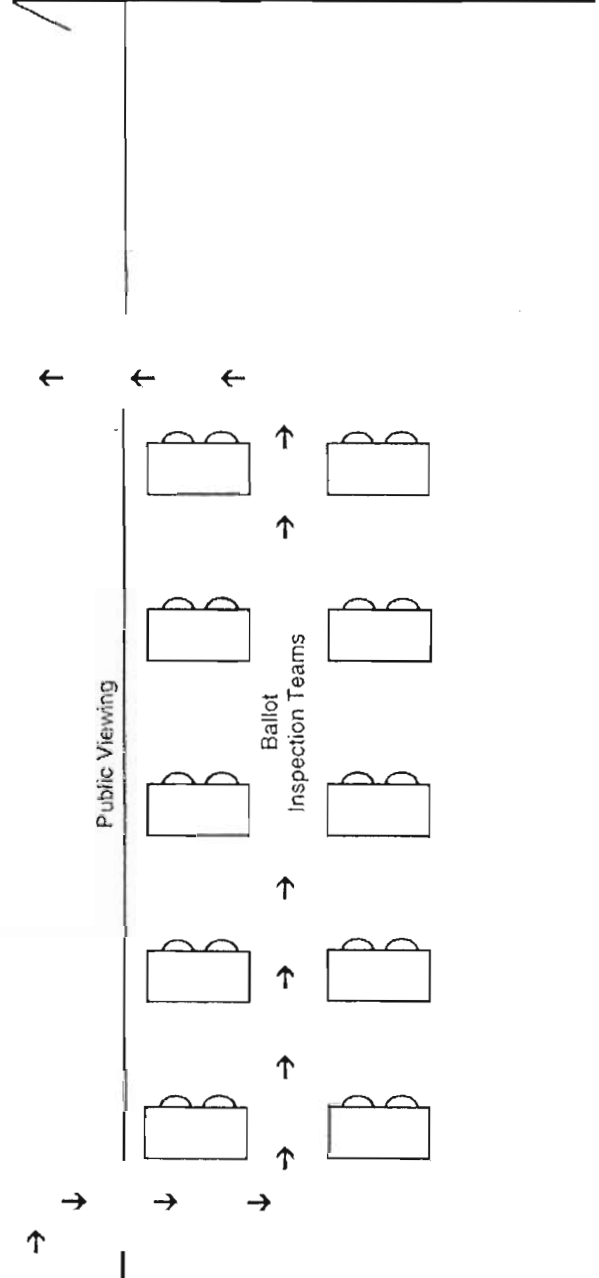
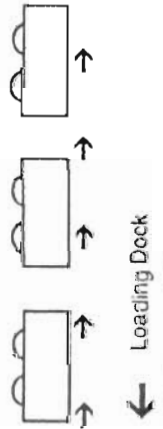
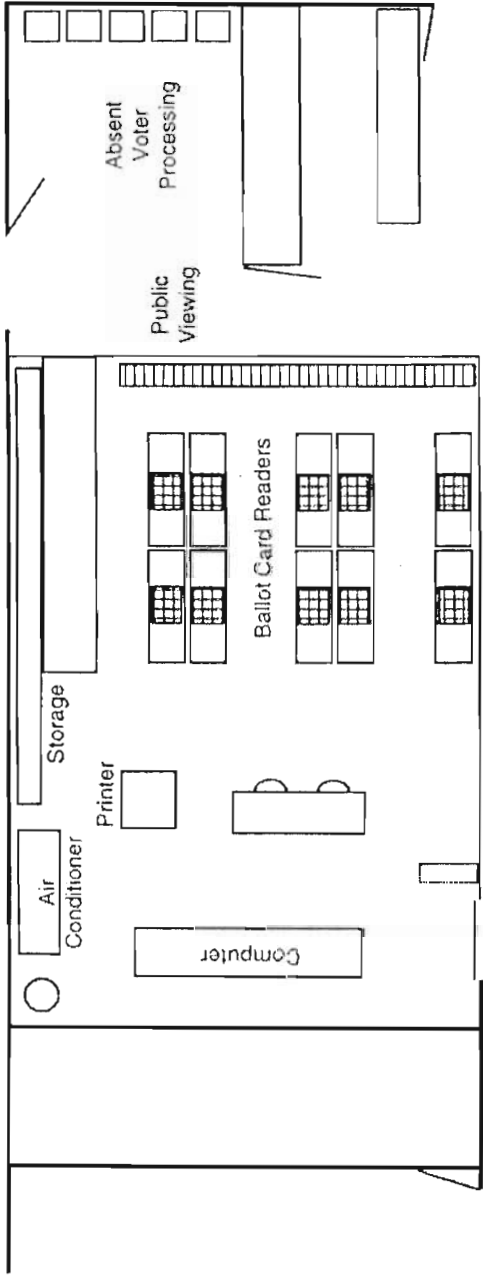
Shall the ordinance (Ordinance No. 685) entitled "An initiative to fund general municipal services in Port Hueneme, including, without limitation, police protection and investigations, reduction of gang activities and drug related crimes; rapid response to emergencies; graffiti removal; services for senior citizens; and maintenance and repair of city streets, by enacting a one-half cent transactions and use tax (sales tax) with all money staying local" be adopted?

BALLOT BOX PICK-UP ROUTES

Presidential General Election
November 4, 2008



Ballot Processing Area Elections Division Lower Plaza Hall of Administration



BALLOT BOX DELIVERY

Election Night

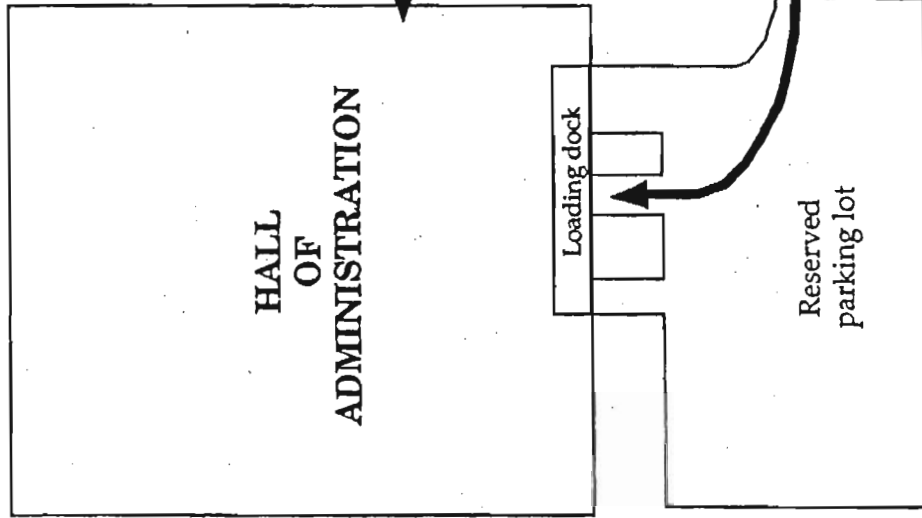
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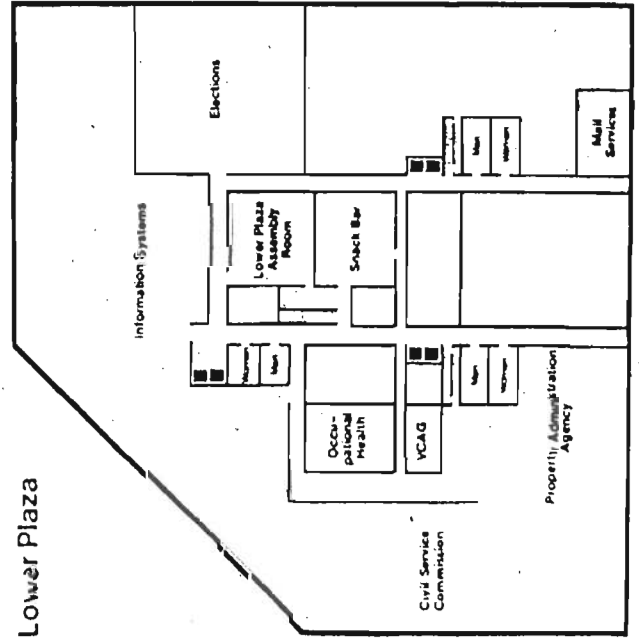
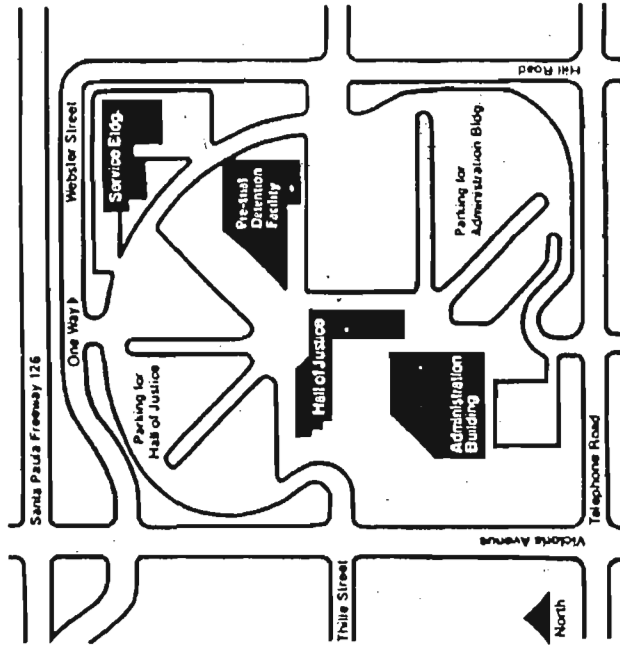
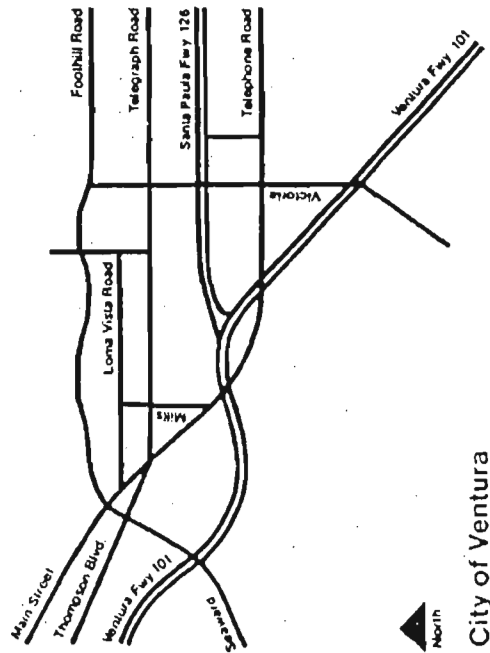
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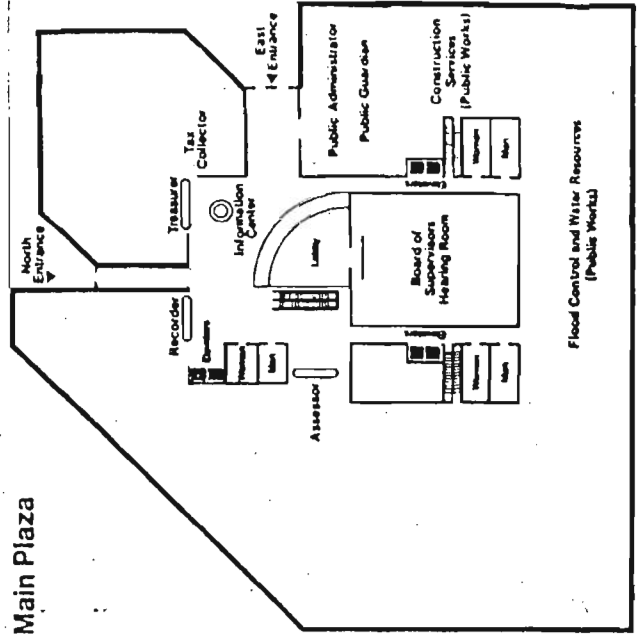
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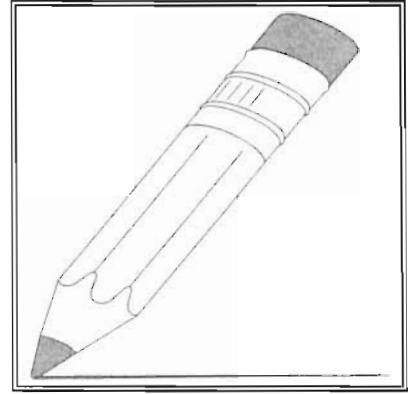
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Main Plaza

ELECTION OBSERVER QUESTIONNAIRE

PRESIDENTIAL GENERAL ELECTION
NOVEMBER 4, 2008



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Elections Division
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Ventura, CA 93009

STRONGLY AGREE	AGREE	DISAGREE	STRONGLY DISAGREE
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